

3rd Air Defense Artillery Regiment

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COAT OF ARMS

Shield

Or, on a chevron gules above an Imperial Chinese dragon of the like, armed azure, three mullets argent, on a chief of the second, two pallets of the fourth, an arrow in fess counterchanged.

Crest

Out of a mural crown, or, masoned gules a garland, the dexter branch cactus, the sinister palm proper, encircling a sun in splendor argent.

Motto

Non Cedo Ferio (I Yield Not, I Strike)

Symbolism

Scarlet is used for Artillery. The two white stripes on the scarlet chief, the colors of the campaign streamer for the War of 1812, commemorate the participation of several companies of the regiment. The arrow alludes to the Indian Wars.

Symbolism (cont)

The chevron and stars indicate service in the Civil War. The stars also refer to the numerical designation of the regiment. The dragon represents service in China; the claws and teeth are blue to indicate that elements of the regiment served in the China Relief Expedition as Infantry. The mural crown, cactus and palm signify the regiment's participation in the Mexican War and elements of the regiment in the Philippine Insurrection. The sun in its glory commemorates the laurels earned by the regiment during its days of glory.

Distinctive Insignia

The distinctive insignia is an adaptation of the crest and motto of the coat of arms.

LINEAGE AND HONORS

Constituted 1 June 1821 in the Regular Army as the 3rd Regiment of Artillery and organized from existing units with Headquarters at Fort Washington, Maryland. Regiment broken up 13 February 1901 and its elements reorganized and redesignated as separate numbered companies and batteries of Artillery Corps. Reconstituted 1 July 1924 in the Regular Army as the 3rd Coast Artillery and organized (less Batteries C, F, and G) with Headquarters at Fort MacArthur, California. (Batteries A and B inactivated 1 March 1930 at San Pedro and Fort MacArthur, California, respectively; Batteries A and F activated 1 July 1939 at Fort MacArthur, California, and Fort Stevens, Oregon, respectively; Batteries D and F inactivated 1 February 1940 at Fort Rosecrans, California, and Fort Stevens, Oregon, respectively; Battery B activated 1 July 1940 at Fort MacArthur, California; Batteries C, D, and F activated 2 December 1940 at Fort Rosecrans and Fort MacArthur, California; Battery G activated 1 June 1941 at Los Angeles, California; Battery G inactivated 29 August 1941 at Los Angeles, California; Battery G activated 14 February 1942 at Fort MacArthur, California).

Regiment broken up 18 October 1944 and its elements reorganized and redesignated as follows: Headquarters and Headquarters Battery as Battery B, 521st Coast Artillery Battalion. 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Battalions as the 520th, 521st, and 522nd Coast Artillery Battalions, respectively.

After 18 October 1944 the above units underwent changes as follows: Battery B, 521st Coast Artillery Battalion, disbanded 15 September 1945 at Fort MacArthur, California. Reconstituted 28 June 1950 in the Regular Army and redesignated as Headquarters and Headquarters Battery, 3rd Antiaircraft Artillery Group Activated 11 June 1951 at Camp Stewart, Georgia. Redesignated 20 March 1958 as Headquarters and Headquarters Battery, 3rd Artillery Group Inactivated 15 December 1961 at Norfolk, Virginia.

520th Coast Artillery Battalion redesignated 1 December 1944 as the 3rd Coast Artillery Battalion. Disbanded 15 September 1945 at Fort MacArthur, California. Reconstituted 20 January 1950 in the Regular Army; concurrently consolidated with the 3rd Antiaircraft Artillery Automatic Weapons Battalion (active) (see ANNEX 1) and consolidated unit designated as the 3rd Antiaircraft Artillery Automatic Weapons Battalion, an element of the 3rd Infantry Division. Redesignated 15 April 1953 as the 3rd Antiaircraft Artillery Battalion Inactivated 1 July 1957 at Fort Benning, Georgia, and relieved from assignment to the 3rd Infantry Division.

521st Coast Artillery Battalion disbanded 15 September 1945 at Fort MacArthur, California. Reconstituted 28 June 1950 in the Regular Army and redesignated as the 18th Antiaircraft Artillery Battalion. Redesignated 13 March 1952 as the 18th Antiaircraft Artillery Gun Battalion. Activated 2 May 1952 at Fort Custer, Michigan. Redesignated 24 July 1953 as the 18th Antiaircraft Artillery Battalion. Redesignated 15 June 1957 as the 18th Antiaircraft Artillery Missile Battalion. Inactivated 1 September 1958 at Detroit, Michigan.

522nd Coast Artillery Battalion disbanded 15 September 1945 at Huntington Beach, California. Reconstituted 28 June 1950 in the Regular Army; concurrently consolidated with the 43rd Antiaircraft Artillery Automatic Weapons Battalion (active) (see ANNEX 2) and consolidated unit designated as the 43rd Antiaircraft Artillery Automatic Weapons Battalion, an element of the 10th Infantry Division. Redesignated 15 June 1954 as the 43rd Antiaircraft Artillery Battalion. Relieved 16 May 1957 from assignment to the 10th Infantry Division. Inactivated 14 November 1957 in Germany. Headquarters and Headquarters Battery, 3rd Artillery Group; 18th Antiaircraft Artillery Missile Battalion; 3rd and 43rd Antiaircraft Artillery Battalions; and the 3rd Armored Field Artillery Battalion (organized in 1907) consolidated, reorganized, and redesignated 15 December 1961 as the 3rd Artillery, a parent regiment under the Combat Arms Regimental System.

3rd Artillery (less former 3rd Armored Field Artillery Battalion) reorganized and redesignated 1 September 1971 as the 3rd Air Defense Artillery, a parent regiment under the Combat Arms Regimental System (former 3rd Armored Field Artillery Battalion concurrently reorganized and redesignated as the 3rd Field Artillery - hereafter separate lineage).

Withdrawn 16 July 1989 from the Combat Arms Regimental System and reorganized under the United States Army Regimental System.

Annex 1

Constituted 6 July 1942 in the Army of the United States as the 534th Coast Artillery Battalion. Activated 15 July 1942 at Fort Bliss, Texas. Redesignated 12 December 1943 as the 534th Antiaircraft Artillery Automatic Weapons Battalion. Inactivated 19 October 1945 at Camp Patrick Henry, Virginia. Redesignated 9 December 1948 as the 3rd Antiaircraft Artillery Automatic Weapons Battalion and allotted to the Regular Army. Activated 15 January 1949 at Fort Bliss, Texas. (3rd Antiaircraft Artillery Automatic Weapons Battalion assigned 22 November 1949 to the 3rd Infantry Division).

Annex 2

Constituted 5 May 1942 in the Army of the United States as the 2nd Battalion, 504th Coast Artillery. Activated 1 July 1942 at Camp Hulen, Texas. Reorganized and redesignated 20 January 1943 as the 630th Coast Artillery Battalion. Redesignated 12 December 1943 as the 630th Antiaircraft Artillery Automatic Weapons Battalion. Inactivated 26 September 1945 in Italy. Redesignated 18 June 1948 as the 43rd Antiaircraft Artillery Automatic Weapons Battalion and assigned to the 10th Infantry Division. Activated 1 July 1948 at Fort Riley, Kansas.

CAMPAIGN PARTICIPATION CREDIT

WAR of 1812

Canada

INDIAN WARS

Seminoles

Washington 1858

MEXICAN WAR

Palo Alto
Resaca de la Palma
Monterey
Buena Vista
Vera Cruz
Cerro Gordo

Contreras
Churubusco
Molino del Rey
Chapultepec
Puebla 1847

CIVIL WAR

Peninsula
Antietam
Fredericksburg
Chancellorsville
Gettysburg
Wilderness
Spotsylvania

Petersburg
Shenandoah
Mississippi 1863
Tennessee 1863
Tennessee 1864
Virginia 1863

WAR WITH SPAIN	
Manila	
WORLD WAR II	
Naples-Foggia (with arrowhead) Anzio (with arrowhead) Rome-Arno Southern France (with arrowhead) North Apennines	Ardennes-Alsace Central Europe Po Valley
KOREAN WAR	
CCF Intervention First UN Counteroffensive CCF Spring Offensive UN Summer -Fall Offensive	Second Korean Winter Korea, Summer -Fall 1952 Third Korean Winter Korea, Summer 1953
SOUTHWEST ASIA	
Defense of Saudi Arabia Liberation and Defense of Kuwait	Cease-Fire
DECORATIONS	
Meritorious Unit Commendation (Army), Streamer embroidered EUROPEAN THEATER	